

REMARKS**Status of the Application**

Claims 21-38 are pending in the application. Claims 21-32 are allowed. Claim 33 is rejected. Claims 34-38 are objected to as being allowable while depending from a rejected base claim.

Amendment and New Claims

Applicant has amended claim 33 to include the limitation(s) previously recited in claim 34. Claim 34 is cancelled. The Examiner has stated that claim 34 is allowable if rewritten in independent form. Office Action, page 3. Applicant submits that claim 33 is allowable. Accordingly, Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the rejection of claim 33. Also, because claims 35-38 depend (either directly or indirectly) from allowable claim 33, Applicant requests the Examiner to withdraw the objection to claims 35-38.

Applicant has added new claims 39-50. These claims are supported by the application on, inter alia, pages 9-15. No new matter has been entered. New claims 39 and 50 include independent claims 39 and 44. Independent claim 39 is a system claim that is similar to the method claim of claim 33. Independent claim 44 recites a computer readable medium including executable instructions in a manner similar to the method of claim 33. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 33 and 44 are allowable. Claims 34-43 and 45-50 respectively depend from claims 33 and 44 and are submitted to be allowable.

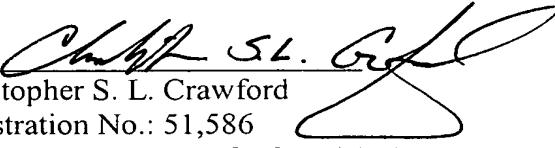
Conclusion

In view of the above, each of the presently pending claims in this application is believed to be in immediate condition for allowance. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to pass this application to issue.

Applicant has addressed the extension of time fee and additional claim fees in the accompanying fee transmittal. If any other fee or fee amount is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 06-2380, under Order No. 56553/P001CP1/10103864 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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